

REMARKS

The Applicants have amended the abstract to overcome the Examiner's objection to the same. In response to the Examiner's objection to the use of parentheses, the Applicants have amended claims 1-6 accordingly. As such, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's objections be withdrawn.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as failing to recite statutory subject matter. In response, the Applicants have amended the preamble of claim 5 to recite a "method of embedding imperceptible codes into digital image data by a computer" and the preamble of claim 6 has been amended to recite a "method of extracting imperceptible codes from digital image data by a computer." As such, the Applicants submit that claims 5 and 6 are now drawn to a process that comprises statutory subject matter, and that the rejection of such claims has been overcome. See MPEP § 2106.01 (1).

In view of the foregoing, it is the Applicants' position that claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration by the Examiner and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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